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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, TIBLISI, FALL 1977

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL US PERMDELOFF (TINSMAN)
MET WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICER (S. ROMERO LOZANO) CONCERN-
ING SUBJECT CATEGORY 2 MEETING. (FYI: ROMERO LOZANO
WAS TRANSFERRED FROM DIRECTORSHIP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND
CARIBBEAN REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EDUCATION, SANTIAGO, TO
SUCCEED DR. WILLIAM STAPP AS CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDU-
CATION UNIT, UNESCO EDUCATION SECTOR. ROMERO LOZANO
(COLOMBIA) IS AN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR WHO HAS BEEN
WITH UNESCO FOR MANY YEARS. HE HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE BACK-
GROUND IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BUT OBVIOUSLY UNDER-
STANDS EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT. HE SENSITIVE TO CRITICAL
NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND WAS CORDIAL AND
OPEN IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH DELOFF).

2. THE BELGRADE PAPERS AND CERTAIN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
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WORKING PAPERS WILL BE FORWARDED DEPT BY POUCH UPON RE-

CEIPT BY PERMDEL NEXT WEEK.

3. DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMERO LOZANO INDICATED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) PURPOSE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE IS TO DRAFT A RECOMMENDATION TO UNESCO AND MEMBER STATES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION;

(B) REGIONAL CONFERENCES IN LATIN AMERICA, ARAB STATES, ASIA AND NORTH AMERICA (ST. LOUIS, OCT 1976) HAVE BEEN HELD. REPORTS OF THESE CONFERENCES CONTAINING CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING DRAFTED IN SECRETARIAT. EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY. A SYNTHESIS OF THESE REGIONAL MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE AVAILABLE FEBRUARY;

(C) SECRETARIAT NOW IN PROCESS OF CONTRACTING WITH CONSULTANTS FROM NORTH AMERICA, LATIN AMERICA, EUROPE, ARAB STATES AND ASIA TO WRITE WORKING PAPERS WHICH WILL BE COMBINED WITH SYNTHESIS OF REGIONAL MEETINGS INTO ONE MAIN WORKING DOCUMENT FOR THE TIBLISI CONFERENCE. THESE EXPERTS WILL SUBMIT PAPERS TO SECRETARIAT FEBRUARY AND MEET APRIL TO ADVISE SECRETARIAT ON FINAL SUBSTANTIVE FORM OF MAIN WORKING DOCUMENT. STAPP WILL BE NORTH AMERICAN CONSULTANT;

(D) DURING FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY A FOUR-DAY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR CONFERENCE. THE FIRST DAY UNESCO AND UNEP STAFFS WILL MEET TO DETERMINE OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, ETC. THE SECOND DAY UN

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FAMILY OF CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS WILL MEET TO DETERMINE JOINT OBJECTIVES AND COORDINATION. THE THIRD AND FOURTH DAYS, UNESCO AND UNEP WILL MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GOUSSR TO PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS;

(E) INVITATIONS TO MEMBER STATES WILL BE DRAFTED IN FEBRUARY AND SENT IN MARCH. WORKING PAPERS FOR CONFERENCE WILL BE SENT MEMBER STATES IN APRIL.

4. ROMERO LOZANO CONFIDED THAT ALTHOUGH TEN-DAY CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1977, IT APPEARS LIKELY IT WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL LAST WEEK OCTOBER AND FIRST WEEK NOVEMBER. DELOFF TINSMAN EXPECTS TO RECEIVE UNOFFICIAL COPIES OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA (PERHAPS ANNOTATED) IN NEAR FUTURE. WHEN RECEIVED, TINSMAN WILL RELAY INFO TO DEPT.

5. ROMERO LOZANO WELCOMED US SUPPORT AND WILL KEEP US PERMDEL INFORMED. HE WILL CONTINUE TO RELY HEAVILY UPON SUBSTANTIVE INPUT FROM STAPP. HE CONFIDENTIALLY INDICATED THERE ARE SOME POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES BEING RAISED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO PARLIMED OFFICIAL USE

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TICIPATION OF SOME MEMBER STATES, E.G., ISRAEL, ETC. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT UNESCO AND UNEP WOULD STAND FIRM FOR AN OPEN DOOR POLICY AND FELT UNESCO WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

6. FYI: BEFORE DEPARTING UNESCO STAPP (NOW AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN) TOLD PERMDEL HE WOULD BE GLAD TO BRIEF DEPT AND USOE ON UNESCO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND PLANS FOR TIBLISI CONFERENCE.
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